

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## CURRENT COMMENT.

King Peter Karageorgievitch's crown weighs only nine pounds, hardly enough to hold his name.

At present fully 90 per cent. of the negroes live in the southern states and 77 per cent. of them reside upon farms.

The imperial canal in China is the longest in the world and connects no fewer than 41 cities in the course of its 800 miles.

Nearly everybody has a collecting fad nowadays. It is common to all countries. Gen. Kuroki has a fad for collecting Russian cannon.

New York's new hotel is 18 stories high. You can get in under the roof for \$7 a day, but it takes three figures to strut around on the ground floor.

If the Japs have issued return tickets to their friends, the enemy, it is not likely they will be presented to the conductor in time to swell the fall passenger business.

Several hundred creditors are laying for Chicago's Napoleon of eggs, who managed to pile up liabilities to the amount of \$270,000 and not enough assets to provoke a cackle.

It is practically 200 miles from Mukden to Harbin and Harbin is at least 100 miles from the Manchurian frontier, so it may be seen how far Japan will have to travel yet before it can carry the war even to the edge of the enemy's country.

Miss Grace McKinley, a niece of the late President McKinley, has returned to Cleveland after spending ten months in the island of Jolo, Philippines, where she was visiting her brother, Lieut. J. F. McKinley, who is stationed on that island.

A bunch of girls in a Pennsylvania town have banded themselves together to abolish kissing, on the ground that the practice is silly and unsanitary. When the fox in the fable couldn't reach the grapes he made remarks of like import.

The latest addition to the family of trusts is the California Fruit Growers' association, which is now evolving plans to control the production and sale of all classes of cured fruits and nuts raised on the Pacific coast. The bloated prune raiser will presently outshine the bonanza king.

There is a gold mine in Australia which is 3,000 feet deep, and the various tunnels are so hot that cold water has to be continually sprayed over the miners working the lode. The temperature is usually about 108 degrees, and the men have to work almost naked in order to stand the heat.

As the cost to the unions of holding a convention is from \$5,000 to \$50,000, there is a growing sentiment among the trades unions of the country against the holding of annual conventions by their national organizations. Necessary changes in the laws of the organizations are more satisfactorily made by referendum votes.

One of the most remarkable men in the United States is a convict in Sing Sing, where he edits the prison paper, the Star of Hope. He is there for burglary, but in his time has been lawyer, reporter, confidence man, secretary to a khedive of Egypt, preacher, forger and politician. He is an Englishman by birth.

Prof. Barrett Wendell, of Harvard university, has sailed for Europe to deliver, at the Sorbonne, in Paris, during the coming winter, lectures in English every week on "America, American Ideas and Institutions." This is the first time that an American has been invited to lecture in his vernacular at the university of Paris on topics purely American.

Ex-Senator W. D. Washburn, of Minnesota, is a picture of robust and placid old age. He is the only survivor of seven brothers, four of whom attained national fame. Three of the Washburns, Israel, Elihu B. and Cadwallader C., were members of the national house of representatives at the same time, the only instance in the political history of this government when three men thus related had seats in congress simultaneously.

Calcutta is a city of more than 1,000,000 people. There are only about 7,000 residents of the city who are not natives, and of this number probably 100 are Americans. All the Europeans and Americans live together in a portion of the city which is well cared for and has excellent sanitary equipment. The death rate in this portion of the city is not to exceed 12 persons to the 1,000 each year, while the death rate in the parts of the city where the natives live run as high as 40 to the 1,000.

# FULL REPARATION.

Emperor Nicholas Deeply Regrets the North Sea Disaster.

Says the Sufferers Will Be Compensated and the Officers Responsible for the Affair Punished.

London, Oct. 26.—The inevitable delays of diplomatic procedure appear to retard a complete and satisfactory settlement of the acute differences between Great Britain and Russia arising from the deplorable North sea affair. King Edward has received from Emperor Nicholas himself a cablegram expressing the deepest regret and a practical acknowledgment that Great Britain's peremptory note will meet with a reply conceding every demand for apology for the act of aggression against the British flag, compensation for sufferers and punishment of the officers responsible for what is everywhere conceded to have been a gigantic blunder, and the Russian ambassador to the court of St. James has expressed to Foreign Minister Lansdowne his sorrow and sympathy. These developments, which came late in the day, have allayed to some extent the deep resentment in the public mind, and the admiralty gave evidence of its appreciation of the necessity of proving that it is prepared actively to support the position of the people of Great Britain and fulfill the expectations of the world, when it issued the following statement:

"On receipt on October 24 of the news of the North sea tragedy preliminary orders for mutual support and co-operation were issued as a measure of precaution from the admiralty to the channel, Mediterranean and home fleets."

The post-mortem examination of the bodies of the victims of the Dogger bank affair was held yesterday at Hull. The proceedings were purely formal, and no official announcement was made, but it is stated positively that both of the dead men bore wounds inflicted both by machine guns and a larger shell.

The report of Thomas Carr, the "admiral" of the fishing fleet, dated from "the North sea," is a picturesque touch, a plain sailor's yarn of the occurrence, which was handed to Foreign Minister Lansdowne last night.

The report is dated "The North Sea, October 22," and is as follows:

"We were fishing in latitude 55.18 north and longitude 5 east the night of October 21. At 11:30 p. m. a large fleet of men of war sprang upon our lee bow, the wind being about south-southeast. One squadron passed by our lee side. The remainder, consisting of four battleships, steamed just across our head, throwing searchlights over our fleet. As soon as they got to windward they began firing on us, their projectiles flying all around and across our decks for a full quarter of an hour, some of the shots passing under the main sail so unpleasantly near the men who were gutting fish in the pound, that they cleared out down below, one shot passing right between them. I very much regret to say that others in the fleet were not so fortunate as us in escaping unhurt. The Crane was sunk, her skipper and third hand were killed and all the rest of the crew were wounded, with the exception of the cook. The skipper of the Gull it was, who, being hailed by the Crane, saying: 'We are sinking, hoist up your gear, got out a boat and went to the rescue of the unfortunate survivors.'"

"The Moulmien, Mino and Snipe all had shots pass through them, the two former vessels being obliged to make sail homeward. I think two or three vessels did not board us in the morning, but that may be owing to thick weather causing them to miss the fleet."

"I don't know whether they took us for Japanese or whether they were practicing to get their hands in. There must be a mistake somewhere. They ought to have known we were only inoffensive fishermen."

"I remain your obedient servant, (Signed) 'THOMAS CARR, 'Admiral.'"

## AGENT AND TRAMP KILLED.

Keeper of a Lonely Railroad Station at Nebraska City, Neb., Attacked by Three Hoboes.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 26.—A special to the Register and Leader from Sidney, Ia., gives details of a fight between the agent at Nebraska City Junction, Ia., a lonely station on the Burlington line in southwestern Iowa and three tramps, which resulted in the killing of the agent and one of the tramps. The agent, Frank Sells, ordered the tramps from the depot and a quarrel followed. The tramps advanced threateningly on the agent, who fired on the man nearest him, killing him. Immediately afterward one of the remaining tramps fired on Sells and fatally wounded him. The tramp who did the shooting was later caught at McPaul and lodged in jail at Sidney.

# NOT WORK OF ROBBERS.

Grand Jury at Pomeroy, O., Charges County Treasurer Thomas J. Chase with Embezzlement.

Pomeroy, O., Oct. 27.—After investigating for a month the grand jury indicted County Treasurer Thomas J. Chase, charging the embezzlement of \$14,500 from the county treasury on September 9 when he claimed that the treasury was looted by masked robbers and himself locked in the vault. When Chase was brought from the county treasury into the court his bond was fixed at \$10,000. As he was unable to furnish bail, he was remanded to jail. The arrest of Chase caused a surprise in Meigs county, but there is much excitement over the indictments are expected to-morrow for other persons. Chase claims that two masked men entered his office, robbed the safe, locked him in the vault and made their escape in daylight without being seen by any one about the court house or in the town. Chase was found locked up by his daughter who rushed to a local bank and thence to the Fair grounds for some one who could open the vault. It was shown to the grand jury that at least half a dozen men were sitting in front of the court house all forenoon of September 9 and saw no strangers.

## WILL DEMAND REPARATION.

Case of Two Americans Killed in Mexico for Refusing to Salute an Alcalde Taken to Washington.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Louis Kaiser, American consul at Mazatlan, arrived here en route to Washington with a report of the murder of two Americans at Aguas Calientes de Baca on July 10 last. The men killed were Clarence Way and Edward Latimer. The former is stated to have offended the alcalde, H. Torres, by not returning a street salutation. A warrant was issued by Torres for his arrest, and on expositulating with the officer sent to serve it, he was killed. Latimer heard the shooting and rushed to the scene only to meet the fate of Way. The policeman was found guilty and sentenced to death. The alcalde was fined \$500 and placed under arrest for ten months. Consul Kaiser will take the case to Washington with a demand that some suitable reparation be made by the Mexican government.

## VERDICT OF LARCENY.

Manager of North American Trust Company Declared Guilty of Fraudulent Real Estate Transactions.

Boston, Oct. 27.—John Marshall Barry, manager of the North American Trust, was in the superior criminal court found guilty of larceny in 16 counts. Counsel have filed a bill of exceptions and the case will go before the full bench of the supreme court. The North American Trust did an extensive business by advertising to purchase for its patrons real estate and personal property, in return for small cash instalments. The contracts, by their terms, were to be rendered in numerical order.

## CLIMATE NOT UNHEALTHY.

Commander Lucien Young Talked with the President Concerning Condition in Panama.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Commander Lucien Young, United States navy, paid his respects to the president yesterday and talked to him concerning conditions on the isthmus of Panama, where for five months he was stationed at Colon as an officer on the Montgomery. Commander Young says the climate of the isthmus is not unhealthy. He will sail next Tuesday for Panama where he will command the gunboat Bennington of the South Atlantic Squadron.

## Kelly Employs an Accountant.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 27.—T. T. Kelly has employed H. E. Patterson, an accountant of Wichita, to go over some of the records of the state treasury. M. Patterson was previously at work in Wellington. Mr. Kelly secured his release from the position there by telegraph for ten days. Mr. Patterson is at work in the state treasury.

## Will Try to Save Powers' Life.

New York, Oct. 27.—Immediately after the election ex-Gov. Frank S. Black will go to Frankfort, Ky., where he will begin a legal battle for which he has volunteered his services with the hope of saving the life of Caleb Powers, who is awaiting death in that state for complicity in the assassination of Gov. William Goebel.

## Army Surgeons to Far East War.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The army general staff has decided to dispatch American army surgeons as attaches to the Japanese and Russian armies operating in the far east, providing the consent of the authorities can be secured.

## The Sylvia in Good Condition.

London, Oct. 27.—The Sylvia was reported at the Orkneys in good condition, thus completely contradicting the report that she had been lost during the night of October 21.

# WAS AN ACCIDENT?

Admiral Rojestvensky Says He Saw No Fishermen.

Supposed He was Firing on Japanese Torpedo Boats—Regrets Injury Had Been Done—Looks for a Satisfactory Settlement.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 27.—The Associated press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North sea incident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely accidental. The weather on the night in question was rather hazy. About one a. m. two torpedo boats, which the Russians supposed were Japanese craft, suddenly appeared between the two divisions of the squadron and seemed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen and were not aware that any damage had been done. Evidently the admiral said, the fishermen had shown no lights. The admiral repeated that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen and added that he had no doubt the Russian government would make ample compensation.

Prince Keretelli, an officer of the battleship Emperor Alexander III., has been interviewed and gives the following explanation of the attack by the Baltic squadron upon the British trawlers off Dogger bank:

"The transport Anatol, which was steaming ahead of the squadron, was suddenly surrounded by eight torpedo boats, and requested assistance whereupon the battleship division advanced and signalled to the unknown vessels to leave or disclose their nationality. The vessels refused to obey and advanced among the Russian battleships. Suddenly a cannon shot was heard from an unknown vessel. Then the admiral formed in battle line and replied to the fire, afterwards continuing his voyage."

Prince Keretelli added that the Russians feared the strange torpedo boats were Japanese, as the admiral was aware that the Japanese had purchased such boats in England.

## Entered a Spanish Port to Coal.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 27.—The arrival of the Russian battleships Emperor Alexander III., Borodino, Orel and Kniazoroff and the transport Anatol, which have anchored in this port, has caused considerable excitement. The commander of the port immediately boarded the Russian flagship and informed Admiral Rojestvensky that the Spanish government could not permit the warships to coal within the port. Admiral Rojestvensky replied that his vessels needed repairs and that for that reason he had separated from the remainder of his squadron. The commander of the port promised to inform the Spanish government of the admiral's statement and communicate the government's reply as soon as it was received. In spite of this five German colliers anchored in port alongside the battleships, whereupon the commander of the port sent an aide de camp to beg Admiral Rojestvensky not to violate Spanish neutrality and he also ordered the commanding officer of the Spanish cruiser Stramadura to notify the colliers that they must obey the port authorities. Eventually Admiral Rojestvensky promised that he would not coal in Spanish waters, at the same time begging the commander of the port to obtain the government's permission for each warship to take on 400 tons of coal with which to reach Tangier. Shortly afterwards three colliers sailed for Tangier, but two remained alongside the Russian warships.

During the afternoon Admiral Rojestvensky, accompanied by the commanders of his battleships, visited the military governor, the French consul and the commander of the port, receiving the usual honors.

## GETTING MORE PEACEFUL.

The Force of Philippine Constabulary to Be Reduced to Six Thousand Men.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Advises have reached the insular bureau that by legislation contained in one of the appropriation bills recently passed at Manila the war strength of the Philippine constabulary has been reduced at one stroke by 1,200 men. The reduction will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year, leaving the strength of the force at 6,000 men.

## Had a Good Time.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Senor Corral, the vice president of Mexico, who has arrived in San Francisco after a visit to the St. Louis fair, has telegraphed the president his profound appreciation of the hospitality and honors he has received in this country.

## Breaks Another World's Record.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 27.—Dan Patch, with a runner in front, paced a mile at Billings Park in 1:56 flat. The previous world's record was 1:56 1/4, and was held by Dan Patch.

# VEST HAD SOME DOUBTS.

Thought the Legislature Might Repeal All the Smart Young Men Knew.

Senator Cockrell tells of the case of a young man who once appeared before the commission appointed in Missouri to examine applicants for admission to the bar of that state. It appears, says the New York Herald, that this youthful applicant, who had failed miserably in all that pertained to jurisprudence, civil law, case law, sumptuary law and due process of law, was finally asked by Mr. Vest, for a long time senator from Missouri, whether there remained any questions which the young man would like to have put to him.

"I regret to say," remarked Mr. Vest, "that you have failed to come up to the mark in the branches of law upon which we have examined you. But," added Mr. Vest, in a most kindly spirit, "we will question you further, if you so desire."

"Well, sir," responded the applicant, "I would suggest, if you please, that I be questioned on the statutes."

At this Mr. Vest smiled sadly. "My dear young man," added he, "I do not doubt that you're up on the statutes; but I do doubt that you will succeed in the law. Suppose you should have the utmost familiarity with the statutes, what's to prevent the legislature from repealing all you know?"

# BLOOD WILL TELL

A THEORY SUPPORTED BY FRESH, CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE

A Recent Instance Proves That a Woman's Happiness is Largely Dependent on the State of Her Blood.

When the blood is disordered every organ of the body is affected unfavorably and fails to discharge its functions properly. In the case of every woman nature has made special provision for a periodical purification of the blood and so long as this occurs her health and spirits unfailingly reveal the beneficial results. So slight a cause as a cold or a nervous shock may produce a suppression of this vital function and until it is restored she is doomed to misery. The remedy that has proved most prompt and effective in all disorders peculiar to the female sex, is that which brought such great relief to Miss Mattie Griggs, of No. 807 Indiana street, Lawrence, Kansas, concerning which she speaks as follows:

"In the winter of 1902, from some unknown cause, there was a cessation of functions peculiar to my sex for a period of four months. I became very weak and could not get up stairs without help. I had nausea and pain and a constant headache. I was under the care of a physician for three months, but he did not succeed in curing me. Then a lady friend told me about the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which she had used in her family and she induced me to try them. It was in May when I first began to use them and in June I had fully recovered my health, and have since remained perfectly well."

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